

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Values Established on a Little Better Basis.

PRICE FLUCTUATIONS NARROW.

A slight improvement in corn but very little business done—Business in provisions—Big Run of cattle.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Special Telegram to THE BEE.—The wires were "trouble" in every direction and communication with the outside world was in consequence greatly interfered with and statistical information of all kinds came in unsatisfactorily. Orders, too, from other cities, especially from the eastward, were duly restricted on account of the poor telegraphic facilities. Communication with the northwest was open and quite a little business was done for northwest account. St. Louis and the southwest took some with Chicago. Wheat values were established on a little better basis than Saturday, but fluctuations, as usual of late, were within narrow limits. There was next to nothing done in January and February, nothing at least that was reported, and trade in May after the first half hour was dull. Trade may start in on a basis of 80c. Prices changes were confined to 81c. low and 82c. high. The price was 80c. for three-quarters of the session and rarely did it get further than a sixteenth from that point.

The close was at 80c. for May, 77c. for January and 75c. for February, or 34c. higher all around than Saturday. The tone of the market was firm and even strong. Cables, though not firm, were full, were in the main firm and favorable.

York did not report any new business, nor in fact anything else. The principal strengthening factor was the weather. The winter wheat area has been as thoroughly cleaned up as any in the country and any serious fall in the temperature accompanied by general snow, may have a bad effect.

Whether or not actual damage to the crops results, alarm will most assuredly be felt as to the prospects. The firmness last was in the face of reports of falling of speculative unmeasurings as to the weather.

The visible supply was incomplete at the end of the session. With Philadelphia out the decrease was at 80c. for May, 77c. for January and 75c. for February, or 34c. higher all around than Saturday.

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Tallow—Quiet and trifly weak; No. 1, solid packed, 4c.; No. 2, 34c.; No. 3, cake, 4c.; refined, 5c.

Flour—Steady; January, 89c.; May, 89c. Lard—Steady; January, 85c.; May, 86c.

Fleas—Quiet; January, 78c.; May, 78c. Oats—Early; January, 30c.; May, 22c.

Barley—No trading. Prime—Timothy—81c. Flax—Cash, \$1.34.

Pork—Steady; January, 89c.; May, 89c. Lard—Steady; January, 85c.; May, 86c.

Fleas—Quiet; January, 78c.; May, 78c. Oats—Receipts—Shoulders, \$4.12c.; \$4.25c.; short cuts, \$4.05c.; short ribs, \$4.05c.

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